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## EXTENSION OF THE PROHIBITED AREA FOR NAVIGATION

## BLOCKADE OF THE FU-CHOU DISTRICT STRENGTHENED

## DECLARED BY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SHIMADA

(SHANGHAI Special Telegram despatched on Nov. 15)

Although our China Area Fleet has been prohibiting the transportation of goods to aid General CHIANG by making a strict blockade line along the entire China Coast, it was lately found that those who import fighting materials are again breaking through our Fleet's observation at or near the HAI-TAN Straits in the FU CHOU district in considerably increasing number. The Fleet, therefore, firmly determined to strengthen its blockade, made public the following declaration in the name of Commander-in-Chief SHIMADA on the 15th, and at the same time, communicated it to the Corps Diplomatique and the Custom House through Consul-General HORIUCHI at SHANGHAI.

(The photograph of Commander-in-Chief SHIMADA)

Made public at 10 A.M., March 15, 1941, by the Intelligence Section, China Area Fleet. Commander-in-Chief of the China Area Fleet made, at 10 A.M. today, the following declaration with regard to the naval operation in the FU-CHOU district and, at the same time, communicated it to the Corps Diplomatique and the Custom House through the Consul-General at SHANGHAI.

## DECLARATION

Because of necessity in the naval operations, I make a declaration to the effect that the district mentioned below shall be added to my declaration dated July 15, 1940, regarding prohibition of traffic on the KUANG-CHOU Gulf and other waters, and that it shall become effective on and after 00-01 hours March 17, 1941.

(Note)

The YANG CHUEH connecting line, the HAI-TAN connecting line, the HAI-TAN Straits and its neighboring waters enclosed by HAI-TAN Island.

Admiral SHIMADA, Shigetaro  
Commander-in-Chief of the China  
Area Fleet.

March 15, 1941, on the "Izumo".



C E R T I F I C A T EStatement of Source and Authenticity

I, SAKAMOTO, Izumi hereby certify that I am officially connected with the ASAHI SHIMBUN in the following capacity: Chief of the Investigation Section, and that as such official I have custody of the document hereto attached consisting of 1 pages, and described as follows: EXCERPTS FROM THE ASAHI SHIMBUN, dated March 16, 1941. I further certify that the attached photostatic document is copied from the original publication which is in the archives and files of the ASAHI SHIMBUN, TOKYO.

Signed at Tokyo on this

17th day of November, 1947.

/sgd/ I. SAKAMOTO (Seal)

Signature of Official

Witness: T. Watanabe (sgd)

CHIEF OF THE  
INVESTIGATION SECTION  
Official Capacity

Statement of Official Procurement

I, HENRY SHIMOJIMA hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above certification was obtained by me from the above signed official of the ASAHI SHIMBUN in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this

17th day of November, 1947

/sgd/ Henry Shimojima  
NAME

Witness: J. F. Munroe

INVESTIGATOR, IPS  
Official Capacity

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航行禁止區域ヲ擴大

福州方面ノ封鎖強化

「夕」

嶋田司令長官宣言ス

「上海特電十五日發」

我が支那方面艦隊ハ全支沿線ニ固キ封鎖線ヲ形成シテ援將物資ノ輸送禁絶ヲ行ツテキルガ最近マダマダ福州方面海壇海峽附近海面ニ於テ我が艦隊監視ノ眼ヲ潛ツテ抗線物資ヲ搬入スル者ガ激増スルニ至ツタノデ、斷乎コレガ封鎖強化ヲ決意シ、十五日嶋田司令長官ノ名ニ於テ左ノ如キ宣言ヲ中外ニ闡明スルト同時ニ、堀内上海總領事ヲ通ジテ各國外交團及ビ海關ニ通告シタ、寫眞ハ嶋田司令長官」

支那方面艦隊報道部十五日午前十時發表 支那方面艦隊司令長官ハ福州方面ノ作戰ニ關シ、本日午前十時左ノ宣言ヲ發スルト、モニ上海總領事ヲ通ジ各國外交官憲及ビ海關側ニ通告セリ

「宣言」本艦ハ作戰上ノ必要ニ基キ、昭和十五年七月十五日附廣州灣ソノ他ノ海面出入禁止ニ關スル本職ノ宣言ニ左記區域ヲ追加スベキコト、ナラビニ本追加區域ニ關スル效力ハ昭和十六年三月十七日午前零時以後發生スベキコトヲ宣言ス





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「記」 庠角連結線、海壇連結線及ヒ海壇島ヲモツテ  
包ム海壇海峡及ヒ附近海面

昭和十六年三月十五日於出雲

支那方面艦隊司令長官  
海軍大臣

嶋田繁太郎

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余、阪本イズミハ余ガ下記ノ資格ニ於テ、即チ  
調査課長 トシテ朝日新聞ト公的關係ニ在ルモ  
ノナルコト、並ニ該職員トシテ千九百四一年ノ昭和  
十六年ノ三月十六日附下記題名、即チ  
朝日新聞拔萃 ノ文藝ノ保管ニ任シ居ルコ  
トヲ茲ニ證明ス。  
余ハ更ニ添附ノ複寫寫眞文藝ガ東京、朝日新聞ノ公  
式書類及ビ綴中ニアル原文書ノ寫ナルコトヲ證明ス。

千九百四十七年ノ昭和二十二年ノ十一月十七日

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公式入手ニ關スル證明

余、ヘンリー下島ハ余ガ聯合國最高指揮官總司令部  
ニ關係アルモノナルコト竝ニ上記證明ハ余ガ公務上  
朝日新聞ノ上記署名職員ヨリ入手シタルモノナルコ  
トヲ茲ニ證明ス

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